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Note by the President of the Security Council

Following informal consultations of the whole on 19 November 2002, the members of the Security Council agreed that the newly elected members of the Council will be invited to attend the informal consultations of the whole and the formal meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Council for the period of one month immediately preceding their term of membership (that is, with effect from 1 December). Delegations should respect the confidentiality of those discussions.

The members of the Security Council also agreed that, if an incoming member will be assuming the Presidency of the Council in the first two months of its term on the Council, it will be invited to attend the informal consultations of the whole for the period of two months immediately preceding its term of membership (that is, with effect from 1 November).

The members of the Security Council further agreed that each of those incoming member delegations should be represented at the level of Permanent Representative or Deputy Permanent Representative at informal consultations of the whole and by any one member of their delegations at formal meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Council. For that purpose, one seat will be assigned to each delegation at the side of the room.

The Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies of the Security Council should not otherwise deviate from Council practice with regard to attendance by incoming members without guidance from the Council.

The present note supersedes the note by the President of the Security Council of 28 February 2000 (S/2000/155).

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